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The Director of Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Soviet International Fronts

Here is the chart I spoke to you about. It lays out major international front organizations Moscow operates to influence and agitate major interest groups on a worldwide basis.

Starting at the top, the dark red band indicates how the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, supported by the KGB and other Moscow organizations like the Soviet Peace Committee and the Soviet press apparatus, presses the buttons and pulls the strings.

The next light red band indicates the instruments through which Moscow controls its major fronts around the world. You will see that these are focused on youth, trade unions, women, African and Asian countries, education and science workers, and journalists. People from these outfits attend meetings and frequently have a control officer in the secretariats of various front organizations around the world.

The dark blue band describes the ten major fronts through which Moscow works. Of particular interest is the number of affiliates, publications, schools and training centers each of these fronts uses to implement its activities.

The major fronts have offices for regional coordination in the Middle East, Africa and Latin America. These are indicated in the second blue band.

The third blue band, listing the major affiliates of each of the fronts, shows the countries in which each front is represented.

Finally, the last blue band lists sub-fronts and other subsidiary organizations which the ten major fronts use to appeal to non-communist organizations and groups interested in similar issues. This indicates where and how grass-roots recruitment is undertaken.

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